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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an experiential learning competitive
2 grant program in the department of education, making an
3 appropriation, and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 258.7 Experiential learning
2 competitive grant program.

3 1. The department, in collaboration with the department of
4 workforce development, shall establish an experiential learning
5 competitive grant program for approved school districts to
6 fund a multi-year proposal to hire a school-based experiential
7 learning program coordinator to establish and support new
8 and existing business and community work-based partners to
9 expand in-depth sustainable, student-focused, and professional
10 work-based learning opportunities.

11 2. The state board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
12 for administration of the program, including but not limited
13 to rules relating to grant application materials, eligibility
14 requirements, and award criteria. The award criteria shall
15 include but not be limited to all of the following:

16 a. The school-based experiential learning program
17 coordinator must work with the regional intermediary
18 coordinator.

19 b. A plan focused on relationship building, student support,
20 and involvement of the local community, including at least five
21 committed business partners, and the local community college.

22 c. Establishment of core values, host sites off school
23 grounds in a professional environment, summer programming,
24 appointment of an advisory board, and instructor training on
25 profession-based learning.

26 3. Priority in the initial year of the program shall be
27 to grant applications submitted by established experiential
28 learning programs and to school districts newly establishing
29 an experiential learning program. An established program
30 must have a proven record of continued business partnership,
31 continued new opportunities, and positive student outcomes.
32 Next priority shall be given to grant applications that
33 propose multi-year development and sustainability plans for an
34 experiential learning program.

35 4. A grant awarded under the program may provide funding for

1 up to five years.

2 5. Up to two percent of the moneys appropriated to the
3 department by the general assembly for purposes of the program
4 may be used by the department to administer, in collaboration
5 with the department of workforce development, the program. The
6 department and the department of workforce development shall
7 encourage regional collaborations and coordination between
8 experiential learning program coordinators and the statewide
9 work-based learning intermediary network established under
10 section 256.40.

11 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
12 COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the
13 general fund of the state to the department of education for
14 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30,
15 2022, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
16 to be used for the purposes designated:

17 For purposes of the experiential learning competitive grant
18 program pursuant to section 258.7, if enacted, including the
19 establishment, start-up, programming, and costs of implementing
20 and maintaining the program for multiple years:

21 \$ 1,000,000

22 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys received by the
23 department pursuant to this section that remain unencumbered or
24 unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
25 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
26 specified in this section for the following fiscal year.

27 Sec. 3. EMERGENCY RULES. The state board of education
28 may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3,
29 and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement
30 the provisions of this Act and the rules shall be effective
31 immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in the
32 rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section shall
33 also be published as a notice of intended action as provided
34 in section 17A.4.

35 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate

1 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

2 EXPLANATION

3 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
4 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

5 This bill provides for the establishment by the department
6 of education of an experiential learning competitive grant
7 program for approved school districts to fund a multi-year
8 proposal to hire a school-based experiential learning
9 program coordinator to establish and support new and existing
10 business and community work-based partners to expand in-depth
11 sustainable, student-focused, and professional work-based
12 learning opportunities; and appropriates \$1 million from the
13 general fund of the state to the department for FY 2021-2022
14 for purposes of the program.

15 The state board shall adopt rules for administration of the
16 program, and may do so by using emergency rulemaking, including
17 but not limited to rules relating to grant application
18 materials, eligibility requirements, and award criteria. The
19 award criteria shall include that the coordinator must work
20 with the regional intermediary coordinator; a plan to focus on
21 relationship building, student support, and involvement of the
22 local community, including at least five committed business
23 partners, and the local community college; and establishment of
24 core values, host sites off school grounds in a professional
25 environment, summer programming, appointment of an advisory
26 board, and instructor training on profession-based learning.

27 Priority in the initial year of the program shall be given
28 to applications submitted by established experiential learning
29 programs with proven records of continued business partnership
30 and to school districts newly establishing a program. Next
31 priority for grant funding is to award a grant based on
32 grant applications that propose multi-year development and
33 sustainability plans for an experiential learning program.

34 A grant awarded under the program may provide funding for up
35 to five years.

1 Up to 2 percent of the moneys appropriated to the department
2 of education by the general assembly for purposes of the
3 program may be used by the department to administer the
4 program. The department of education and the department of
5 workforce development shall encourage regional collaborations
6 and coordination between experiential learning program
7 coordinators and the statewide work-based learning intermediary
8 network.

9 Moneys remaining unencumbered or unobligated at the close
10 of the fiscal year do not revert but remain available for the
11 following year for expenditure for the specified purposes.

12 The bill takes effect upon enactment.